

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1, 3-13, and 15-24 are presented for examination. Claims 2 and 14 are canceled. Claim 25 is withdrawn without prejudice.

The Office Action found allowable subject matter in claims 2-12 and 14-24, if suitably rewritten. The subject matter of claim 2 is incorporated into amended claim 1. The subject matter of claim 14 is incorporated into amended claim 13. In order to conform the remaining claims to the amendment just described, claims 3-4 and 15-16 are amended to update the number of the claim from which each depends.

In view of the examiner's earlier restriction requirement, applicant retains the right to present claim 25 in a divisional application.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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